

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ink jet recording head comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a plurality of recording elements for
  - 5 generating the discharge energy for discharging ink droplets of a recording liquid from at least a discharge port, the recording elements forming a recording element row arranged in a row on the substrate;
  - 10 a plurality of electrical circuit elements for driving the recording elements, the electrical circuit elements forming an electrical circuit element row arranged in a row adjacently to the recording element row on the substrate;
  - 15 at least a conductive belt-like recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the recording element row;
  - at least a conductive belt-like electrical circuit element protecting section electrically
  - 20 connected with the recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the electrical circuit element row; and
  - an inspection electrode pad adapted to be electrically connected to the recording element
  - 25 protecting section and the electrical circuit element protecting section.

2. An ink jet recording head according to claim 1, wherein the recording element protecting section and the electrical circuit element protecting section are an anti-cavitation film.

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3. An ink jet recording apparatus comprising:

an ink jet recording head including a substrate, a plurality of recording elements for generating the discharge energy for discharging ink droplets of a recording liquid from at least a discharge port, the recording elements forming a recording element row arranged in a row on the substrate, a plurality of electrical circuit elements for driving the recording elements, the electrical circuit elements forming an electrical circuit element row arranged in a row adjacently to the recording element row on the substrate, at least a conductive belt-like recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the recording element row, at least a conductive belt-like electrical circuit element protecting section electrically connected with the recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the electrical circuit element row, and an inspection electrode pad adapted to be electrically connected to the recording element protecting section and the electrical circuit element protecting section; and

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electricity supply means for supplying the ink jet recording head with an electrical signal for driving the ink jet recording head.

5           4. An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the recording element protecting section and the electrical circuit element protecting section are an anti-cavitation film.

10           5. An ink jet recording head comprising:  
            a substrate;  
            at least a first ink supply port provided on the substrate;  
            a plurality of recording elements for  
15      generating the discharge energy for discharging ink droplets of a recording liquid from at least a discharge port, the recording elements forming a first recording element row arranged in a row on each side of the first ink supply port on the substrate;  
20           a plurality of electrical circuit elements for driving the recording elements, the electrical circuit elements forming a first electrical circuit element row arranged in a row outside the first ink supply port with respect to the first recording  
25      element row;  
            at least a conductive belt-like recording element protecting section for covering the upper

part of the first recording element row;

at least a conductive belt-like electrical  
circuit element protecting section electrically  
connected with the first recording element protecting  
5 section for covering the upper part of the first  
electrical circuit element row;

at least a second ink supply port provided on  
the substrate;

a plurality of recording elements for  
10 generating the discharge energy for discharging ink  
droplets of a recording liquid from at least a  
discharge port, the recording elements forming a  
second recording element row arranged in a row on  
each side of the second ink supply port on the  
15 substrate;

a plurality of electrical circuit elements for  
driving the recording elements, the electrical  
circuit elements forming a second electrical circuit  
element row arranged in a row outside the second ink  
20 supply port with respect to the second recording  
element row;

at least a conductive belt-like second  
recording element protecting section for covering the  
upper part of the second recording element row;

25 at least a conductive belt-like second  
electrical circuit element protecting section  
electrically connected with the second recording

element protecting section for covering the upper  
part of the second electrical circuit element row;

at least a conducting section for electrically  
connecting the first electrical circuit element  
5 protecting section and the second electrical circuit  
element protecting section to each other; and

an inspection electrode pad adapted to be  
electrically connected to the conducting section.

10 6. An ink jet recording head according to claim  
5, wherein the recording element protecting section  
and the electrical circuit element protecting section  
are an anti-cavitation film.

15 7. An ink jet recording apparatus comprising:  
an ink jet recording head including a substrate,  
at least a first ink supply port provided on the  
substrate, a plurality of recording elements for  
generating the discharge energy for discharging ink  
20 droplets of a recording liquid from at least a  
discharge port, the recording elements forming a  
first recording element row arranged in a row on each  
side of the first ink supply port, a plurality of  
electrical circuit elements for driving the recording  
25 elements, the electrical circuit elements forming a  
first electrical circuit element row arranged in a  
row outside the first ink supply port with respect to

the first recording element row, a conductive belt-like first recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the first recording element row, a conductive belt-like first electrical circuit element protecting section electrically  
5 connected with the first recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the first electrical circuit element row, at least a second ink supply port provided on the substrate, a plurality of  
10 recording elements for generating the discharge energy for discharging ink droplets of a recording liquid from at least a discharge port, the recording elements forming a second recording element row arranged in a row on each side of the second ink  
15 supply port on the substrate, a plurality of electrical circuit elements for driving the recording elements, the electrical circuit elements forming a second electrical circuit element row arranged in a row outside the second ink supply port with respect  
20 to the second recording element row, at least a conductive belt-like second recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the second recording element row, at least a conductive belt-like second electrical circuit element  
25 protecting section electrically connected with the second recording element protecting section for covering the upper part of the second electrical

circuit element row, a conducting section for  
electrically connecting the first electrical circuit  
element protecting section and the second electrical  
circuit element protecting section to each other, and  
5 an inspection electrode pad adapted to be  
electrically connected to the conducting section; and  
electricity supply means for supplying the ink  
jet recording head with an electrical signal for  
driving the ink jet recording head.

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8. An ink jet recording apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein the first recording element  
protecting section, the second recording element  
protecting section, the first electrical circuit  
15 element protecting section and the second electrical  
circuit element protecting section are an anti-  
cavitation film.